

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system for capturing electronic receipts from electronic mail messages comprising:

a first computer server configured for receiving a plurality of electronic mail messages ~~correspondence~~ and for parsing said electronic mail messages ~~correspondence~~ to identify a subset thereof which comprise commercial correspondence having commercial data related to a commercial transaction; and

program code residing on said first computer server for creating receipt data by extracting said commercial data from said subset of electronic mail messages which comprise commercial correspondence.

2. (Previously Amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein said first computer server permits display of receipt data.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1, further comprising:

a database at said first computer server,

wherein said first computer server permits alteration of header data of said electronic mail messages ~~correspondence~~ in accordance with data records stored in said database.

4. (Previously Amended) The system of Claim 3, wherein said program code comprises:

instructions for storing said receipt data in said database.

5. (Previously Amended) The system of Claim 4, wherein said first computer server permits extraction of said receipt data from said database.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of capturing electronic receipts from electronic mail messages, the method comprising the steps of:

~~receiving to a server electronic correspondence;~~

receiving a plurality of electronic mail messages by a first computer server;

~~parsing said electronic mail messages correspondence to identify a subset thereof which comprise commercial correspondence having commercial data related to a commercial transaction; and~~

~~examining said commercial data to extract data related to said commercial transaction;~~

extracting said commercial data from said subset of electronic mail messages which comprise commercial correspondence.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 6, further comprising the step of:

updating header data of said subset of electronic mail messages correspondence.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein said step of updating header data further comprises the steps of:

querying a database of address data; and

altering header data of said subset of electronic mail messages correspondence in accordance with a result of said step of querying.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 6, wherein said ~~step of examining~~ extracting further comprises the steps of:

querying a database of template data; and

comparing each of said subset of electronic mail messages ~~correspondence~~ with said template data obtained from said step of querying.

10. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

providing a database for storing receipt data; and

storing identified commercial data as receipt data in said database.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A system for capturing data from electronic mail messages ~~correspondence~~, comprising:

a first computer server configured for receiving incoming electronic mail messages ~~commerce correspondence addressed to a~~ the user;

a central database having data records accessible to said first computer server, said data records comprising user configurable preferences concerning processing of said electronic mail messages;

program code residing on said first computer server for parsing said electronic mail messages ~~correspondence~~ to identify data content; and

additional program code for extracting said data content from said electronic mail messages in accordance with user configurable preferences contained in said data records.

13. (Previously Amended) The system of Claim 12, wherein said first computer server permits display of said data content.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 12, wherein said first computer server permits alteration of header data of said electronic mail messages ~~correspondence~~ and wherein said first computer server forwards said electronic mail messages ~~correspondence~~ to a second computer server in accordance with said user configurable preferences contained in said data records.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 12, wherein said program code further comprises:

instructions for storing said data content in said database.

16. (Previously Amended) The system of Claim 15, wherein said first computer server permits extraction of said data content from said database.

17. (Previously Amended) The system of Claim 12, wherein said first computer server permits alteration of said user configurable preferences contained in said records.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 12, wherein said electronic mail messages ~~correspondence~~ contains data content related to an electronic receipt.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method of capturing electronic data from electronic mail messages, said method comprising the steps of:

maintaining a central database of data records;

receiving incoming electronic mail messages ~~correspondence~~; and

examining said electronic mail messages ~~correspondence~~ to extract data content in accordance with user configurable preferences contained in said data records.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 23, further comprising the step of:

updating header data of said electronic mail messages ~~correspondence~~.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 24, wherein said step of updating header data further comprises the steps of:

querying a database of address data; and

altering header data of said electronic mail messages ~~correspondence~~ in accordance with a result of said step of querying.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 23, wherein said step of examining comprises the steps of:

querying a database of template data; and

comparing said electronic mail messages ~~correspondence~~ with said template data.

27. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 23, further comprising the steps of:

providing an additional database for storing said data content; and

storing said data content in said additional database in accordance with said user configurable preferences contained in said data records.

28. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 23, wherein said first computer server permits alteration of said user configurable preferences contained in said data records.

29. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 23, wherein said step of examining comprises the step of:

extracting data related to an electronic receipt.

30-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 12, wherein said central database is encrypted.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein said central database is encrypted.